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**Illinois Commerce Commission** 527 East Capitol Avenue Springfield, Illinois 62701

Illinois Commerce Commissic. RAIL SAFETY SECTION

PROGRESS

Attention: Director of Processing & Information

Transportation Bureau of the Commission

Re: **Project Status Report** 

> ICC Order No: T04-0069 Dated: March 22, 2006

(Amendatory Order dated April 19, 2006) Project completion date: April 19, 2009

**Crossing Information:** 

AAR/DOT# 004 480C Railroad Milepost 89.41 M

**Type of Improvement:** 

Replacement of the structure carrying E. Broadway Street over the tracks of the BNSF Railway Company and SB Warehousing, Inc. in Streator, LaSalle County, Illinois

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The following is the first joint Project Status Report of the County of LaSalle and the City of Streator for activities through October 2006.

- a.) Preliminary engineering is complete. Plans and specifications have been reviewed and approved by the BNSF and I.D.O.T.
- b.) Right-of-way acquisition has been completed. The Railroad Overpass Agreement with the BNSF has been reviewed and comments sent to the BNSF. It is anticipated that the Agreement will be executed by the parties this month. Right-of-way certification from I.D.O.T. is being sought.
- c.) The project is tentatively scheduled for letting by I.D.O.T. on November 17, 2006, pending right-of-way certification.
- d.) An Agreement for Professional Services with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. has been entered into by the City and the County for construction engineering services.
- e.) A supplemental petition requesting obligation of the remaining funds from the GCPF was sent to the Commission by LaSalle County.
- f.) We await a decision by the Commission on the supplemental petition filed by the BNSF regarding inclusion as a reimbursable cost to the BNSF, the costs incurred by the BNSF for engineering, inspection and coordination services. This issue may become null and void as Craig Rasmussen of BNSF has agreed during the course of negotiations that he will be sending the Commission a letter rescinding the request.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Kinzer, P.E., P.L.S.

County Engineer

cc: I.D.O.T.

**BNSF** Railway Company

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